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REMARKS

The present Amendment provides an Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet and modifies the form only of dependent Claim 8.

The signed Declaration and an Information Disclosure are being filed herewith.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment to Second Preliminary Amendment dated December 21, 2001

Marked-up Claim 8

8. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said smectic tilt angle θ is selected such that [wherein] $\theta = 45^{\circ}$.